MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) and (*b*) The fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture has passed the following resolution on the subject :—

"Resolved that the Government be requested to sanction the levy of a cess not exceeding eight annas per thousand or six annas per Railway maund of eggs (hen's or duck's) exported from the country and that the revenue derived therefrom be transferred to a fund called the Egg Marketing Improvement Fund to be administered by a Board appointed for the purpose."

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether a copy of the resolution passed at the fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture was forwarded to Government by the President of the Board of Agriculture ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No, Sir.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know why it was not forwarded to Government ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The resolution is still under consideration by the President of the Board of Agriculture.

Agricultural Schools.

325. ❋MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names and numbers of the agricultural schools run by the Government ;

(*b*) whether petitions have been received from past students with Malayalam Higher or S. S. L. C. qualification praying that they may be appointed in the Education Department ; and

(*c*) whether Government have taken any action on such petitions ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Two Agricultural Schools, one at Kottarakara and the other at Koni, are run by Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know how many petitions have been received for appointment in the Education Department ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I claim notice, Sir.

Diseases of coccanut trees.

326. ❋MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent of the area wherein cocoanut trees are affected by disease ;

(*b*) whether any survey has been conducted for the purpose; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for not doing so ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Cocoanut trees are subject to various diseases, and the extent of the area affected by different diseases

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is not definitely known. If the question refers to the leaf and root diseases of cocoanut palms, it may be stated that the area affected stretches from Alleppey and Thodupuzha in the North to Kottarakara and Quilon in the South.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The cost of a survey will be prohibitive and out of all proportion to the benefit to be derived therefrom.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): May I know whether the cost of such survey has been estimated?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the nature of the disease as well as its extent has been ascertained and how far the owners of cocoanut trees are affected thereby?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is not possible to give definite information, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Then how is it that it has been answered that the cost of a survey will be prohibitive and out of all proportion to the benefit to be derived therefrom?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The gravity of the disease has been known and we have a rough idea of the extent to which the disease has spread. There is no necessity to make any systematic survey in the matter.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: My question is that as long as the cost of the survey has not been estimated and as long as the actual loss sustained by the owners of trees has not been ascertained, how can the answer *viz.*, the cost of a survey will be prohibitive and out of all proportion to the benefit to be derived therefrom, be justified?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The object of the survey is to find out the extent to which the disease has spread and for that there is no necessity to make a comprehensive survey which will be very costly.

PRESIDENT: The Government would only be anxious to levy a tax on cocoanut trees which have now escaped taxation. But on account of the enormous cost of the survey, such a thing has not been done. In fact the Government are rather anxious to conduct the survey if the people require it.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): May I know whether the tax realised from cocoanut trees is increasing or decreasing from year to year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: In certain years it is increasing and in certain others, decreasing.

PRESIDENT: Government will be anxious to embark on the survey.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the disease is increasing?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: In certain areas it is increasing.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether Government is doing anything to prevent the spread of this disease?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know in what ways?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: By advising agriculturists to resort to scientific method of cultivation. The diseases are also being investigated in a systematic manner by a competent Plant Pathologist.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether investigations are being carried on to prevent the spread of the disease?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Have they been successful?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The investigations have not been completed; the results so far obtained are encouraging.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): രോഗം പിടിപെട്ട പട്ടുപോയ തെങ്ങുകളുടെ ആകെ എണ്ണം എത്രയാണെന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്ക റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഇല്ല.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: പട്ടുപോയ വൃക്ഷങ്ങളുടെ ആകെ എണ്ണം നോക്കിയാൽ ഒരു വലിയ സംഖ്യകാണുമോ; അതല്ലാ കുറച്ചേ കാണുകയുള്ളോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി തീർച്ച പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: അടുത്ത കണക്കെഴുത്തു സമയത്തു് ഇതു നിമിത്തം റവന്യൂ ഇനത്തിൽ വലിയ കുറവുണ്ടാകുമെന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: തെങ്ങു വൃക്ഷങ്ങൾക്കുണ്ടാകുന്ന ഈ രോഗം ചില സ്ഥലത്തു ഭേദമായി വരുന്നുണ്ടു്. ചില സ്ഥലത്തു മാത്രമെ പട്ടുപോകുന്നുള്ളു.

Teachers transferred by the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Muvattupuzha.

327. * MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the caste of the teachers transferred by the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Muvattupuzha, during the period from Medom 1113 to the end of Vrischigom 1115, with details regarding the places from which and to which each of them was transferred?

II. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they were transferred from their native places to other places or from other places to their native places;

(*b*) the names of those who were re-transferred to the places to which they were originally transferred;

(*c*) whether there are any special reasons for the above transfers;

(*d*) whether any of the above teachers were transferred more than once; and

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